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Subject:
Miscellaneous rule changes

Overview:
Rally America is making a number of changes to the Performance Rally Rules.

Except as noted, the following changes are effective immediately:

1. Substitute Article 6.4.A.15 with the following:

Cameras and camera mounts shall be of a safe and secure design. Any camera heavier than 8 ounces shall be secured at a minimum of two points on different sides of the camera. Neither attachment may be elastic or plastic.

2. Substitute Article 7.4.A.10 with the following:

Competitors may not mark on the time cards, except in the car number area as well as in areas indicated to be for competitor's use.

3. Add Article 7.4.A.12 below:

Unless directed to do so by a marshal, a competitor shall not back up his vehicle while it is in a control zone.

And add the following to the list of time penalties in Article 8.2.A:

Ten minute penalty for backing up in a control zone unless directed to do so by a marshal.

4. Substitute the first paragraph of Article 10.2.C.19 with the following:

The maximum wheel diameter and width is limited to largest size of each listed in the official factory shop manual. Tires are free.

5. Substitute the third paragraph of Article 10.2.C.19 with the following:

On condition that it is firmly secured there, the spare tire(s) may be brought inside the driving compartment.

6. Amend Article 7.4.A.2 as follows:

During each leg of a rally, unless the route has been changed (as indicated by Competitor's Bulletin(s) or a rally official), competitors must follow the route indicated in the route book.

7. Eliminate Article 8.2.B.9 and add the following item to the list of additional penalties in Article 8.2.C:

Exclusion for refusing to display organizer or series sponsor advertising.

8. Eliminate Article 8.2.A.11 and add the following items to the list of time penalties in Article 8.2.A:

- Ten minutes minimum for the driver or co-driver working on the competition vehicle using tools and/or parts carried inside the vehicle while the vehicle is in a Parc Fermé.
- Thirty minutes minimum (up to exclusion) for anyone other than the driver or co-driver working on the competition vehicle and any work done using tools or parts not carried in the vehicle while the vehicle is in a Parc Fermé.

9. Effective 1/1/2008, eliminate Article 10.1.D.

Rationale:

Item #1 is being updated so that "lipstick"-type cameras are not required to have the same robust attachment as camcorders. Technology has advanced and so should the rules. Note that Article 6.4.A.13 requires proper mounting of equipment in the passenger compartment and trunk of the competition vehicle.

Item #2 is being updated because some rallies have been using a time card format that has areas other than the car number (such as scratch space for calculating arrival times) that are intended to be used by competitors. Before this Bulletin, it was technically illegal for a competitor to use that space, unless a sanction exception in the Supplementary Regulations allowed it.

Item #3 is being added to clarify control procedures, increase safety in the control zones and reflect current common practice.

Item #4 is being updated to eliminate a clause referring to FIA homologation which is not pertinent to Rally America Production Category rules. Also, the limitation on wheel and tire size is being changed to match current scrutineering practice.

Item #5 is being updated because a clause within it was based on the assumption that the rear seat must remain in place. Since that is no longer the case, that clause was removed. Also, since the paragraph was being updated, the remaining wording was cleaned up.

Item #6 is being added to formalize the expectation that competitors must follow the entire rally route. Before this Bulletin, competitors could technically leave the rally route, decreasing the likelihood of being observed violating the rules and making it more difficult for organizers to keep track of competitors.

Item #7 is being updated to protect and add to the value of event and series sponsorships.

Item #8 is being updated to allow greater penalties to be issued for more serious violations of the prohibition against working on a competition vehicle within a control zone. Also, because a control zone is also a Parc Fermé, it is no longer explicitly listed in application of this rule.

Item #9 is being eliminated because sufficient time has passed that the cars covered under this grandfather clause are old enough that they should be re-examined to ensure that they are still safe to compete under current standards. As written now, this clause would exempt vehicles from safety requirements contained in section 10, such as door structure and restrictors.

Questions regarding this bulletin received by Rally America from licensed Drivers and Co-Drivers will be answered in writing.